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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U. S. mail addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 11 day of FEBRUARY, 2002.  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c), the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of the identified reference is enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is filed on or before the mailing date of a final office action or a notice of allowance is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

The reference discloses a sinker structure substantially the same as Figures 1-5 of parent Patent No. 6,145,240 and which was on sale more than one year prior to the filing date of the present continuation-in-part application. This references fails to disclose any noise generating element and this is considered no more material than prior art references already of record.

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The fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), required for submission of an IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c), is enclosed, as referenced in the attached Fee Transmittal Sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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